## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

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Civil Action No. 1:11-cv-00927

Plaintiffs.

VS.

VOLVO GROUP NORTH AMERICA, LLC and VOLVO TRUCKS NORTH AMERICA, INC.,

Defendants.

## DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR JUDGMENT ON THE PLEADINGS

Defendants Volvo Group North America, LLC ("VGNA") and Volvo Trucks

North America, Inc. ("VTNA"), pursuant to Rule 12(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil

Procedure and Local Rule 7.3, hereby respectfully move this Court to enter judgment on
the pleadings and dismiss with prejudice the Third, Fourth and Sixth claims (for common
law fraud, breach of the duty of good faith and fair dealing, and violation of the South

Carolina Unfair Trade Practices Act, respectively) brought by Plaintiffs in Plaintiffs'

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Master Class Action Complaint. Plaintiff's Third, Fourth, and Sixth Claims should be

dismissed for the following reasons:

(1) The representations upon which Plaintiffs rely in their claim for fraud have

not been pled with sufficient particularity to satisfy Rule 9(b) of the Federal Rules of

Civil Procedure:

(2) Plaintiff's independent claim for breach of the duty of good faith and fair

dealing is part and parcel of Plaintiffs' other claims and should be dismissed as

redundant; and

(3) The South Carolina Unfair Trade Practices Act expressly prohibits bringing

a claim in a representative capacity.

In further support of this Motion, VGNA and VTNA submit their supporting

memorandum filed contemporaneously herewith.

WHEREFORE, VGNA and VTNA respectfully request that, pursuant to Rule

12(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, this Court dismiss with prejudice

Plaintiffs' Third, Fourth and Sixth claims.

This the 2nd day of December, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on December 2, 2011, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the following:

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I hereby certify that I have mailed the documents to the following non CM/ECF participants: NONE

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